proposed by the Government to unearth the hoarded foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). No maximum stock holding limits have been fixed by Government in respect of farmers. To increase availablility of wheat and stabilise prices, Central Government have decided that the maximum stock holding limits for wheat should not exceed 250 qtls. for wholesalers and 50 quintals for retailers. State Governments/Union Territory Administrations were intimated of this decision on 7th February, 1992 and asked to give effect to this decision with immediate effect and also to enforce it vigorously. The State Governents/ Union Territory Administrations carry out checks in this regard.

Admission in Medical Colleges

3272. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for admission in Government Medical Colleges;

(b) whether seats earmarked for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are filled in Admission; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) In its recommendation on Graduate Medical Education, the Medical Council of India has prescribed the criteria relating to age, minimum educational qualifications, procedure for determining merit etc. for admission to medical colleges.

As per directions of the Supreme Court, 15% of the MBBS/BDS seats and 25% of Post Graduate seats in the recognised Government Medical/Debtal Colleges in the country are filled up purely on merit determined on the basis of All India Entrance Examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for admission to undergraduate courses and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (AIIMS) for admission to Post-graduate courses respectively. While broadly conforming to the criteria relating to minimum educational qualifications, etc. prescribed by the Medical Council of India, each State/Union Territory has its own procedure for admission in the medical colleges under its control. Selection of the canndidates for seats allocated from the Central Pool to the beneficiary State/Union Territory/Central Ministries is done by them in accordance with their own criteria and procedure.

(b) and (c). The Central Govemment have prescribed the reservation percentage of 15% and 7.5% for admission of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students respectively in the various medical colleges under its control. The reservation quota for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates is largely filled up through the students belonging to these categories.

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Licences for Sugar Mills

3273. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
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SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: